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REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's withdrawal of prior rejections and allowance of part of the pending claims. The Office Action dated August 29, 2006 does not specifically state whether the amendments proposed by Applicant in the prior Supplemental Response dated July 20, 2006 have been entered. Applicant assumes that all of the proposed amendments have been entered. If this understanding is incorrect, it is respectfully requested that the Applicant be informed if any of the proposed amendments is not entered.

Claims 15-17 stand rejected over newly cited references. Although Applicant traverses the rejections, rejected Claims 15-17 have now been canceled in this response to obviate rejections in order to place this application in a condition for allowance. An official notice of allowance is requested to be issued at an early time.

No fee is believed to be due in filing this response. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 10, 2006

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